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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Europe's Security

IT is pertinent to appreciate what the North Atlantic Treaty Council has accomplished during its discussions in Lisbon. It is not inconsiderable. Agreement to establish a combined army of 50 combat-ready land divisions and to set a target of 4,000 operational aircraft; approval to a plan for the creation of a European defence force; settlement on the question of "infrastructure," — the amount of money to be spent on the construction of airfields, headquarters and communications; decision to give General Eisenhower wider powers in his field as Supreme Commander of NATO forces; and to allow him direct contact with the Council of Ministers. All this adds up to very decisive and progressive steps toward the more rapid realisation of NATO plans envisaged when the alliance came into being three years ago. American and British political and military leaders hold fast to the conviction that any third global war will emerge from Communist aggression in Europe, and NATO is the answer to this threat. It is considered that everything must be done to make it impossible for Russia to walk through to the Channel ports if the Kremlin decides to go to war. The targets which the NATO Council of Ministers have set are, however, formidable. They involve substantial sacrifices by the taxpayers of Britain, France and the Benelux countries, an enormous diversion of peace-time industry onto a war footing, and drastic revision of economic standards.

NOTHING is more calculated to make Soviet Russia realise that the Free World is determined to prepare itself effectively against military aggression than the decisions reached at Lisbon this week. And, in conjunction with them, must be taken the wholly successful deliberations in London last week when Dr Adenauer, the Federal German Chancellor, Mr Eden, Mr Acheson, and Mr Schuman reached a great measure of accord on the vexed question of Germany's role in a Western European Army and laid the foundations for an agreement between France and the Bonn Government concerning the future status of the Saar. All are timely manifestations to Russia that Western Europe is rapidly uniting itself. Nevertheless the nations who are committed to the decisions of the Council of Ministers can afford to lose no time in giving substance to the resolutions and paper agreements reached in Lisbon. Repetition of 1940's "too late and too little" would be catastrophic. NATO's purpose has been expressly stated: "Its first aim is peace, and the armed strength which is being built up by the united efforts of member nations will be used only for the defence of their countries and the security of their peoples." It is now the duty of those member nations to see that Western Europe's armed strength is sufficient to deter, and if necessary, withstand aggression and the threat which this would make to the peace and security of the Free World.

Destructive Blaze

Amsterdam, Feb. 26. Damage amounting to 40,000 guilders was today estimated to have been caused by a blaze which last night gutted four warehouses packed with goods here. — Reuter.

CHURCHILL DEFEATS CENSURE MOTION

Denies Making New Commitments In Washington

LIVELY DEBATE ON FAR EAST POLICY

London, Feb. 26.

The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill tonight defeated a personal censure move by a Labour Opposition bitterly critical of his recent Washington talks with President Truman. The House of Commons, by 318 votes to 285, refused to endorse Labour's charge that Mr Churchill had failed to give "adequate expression" in the United States to Britain's Far East policy.

Meeting the Opposition's challenge to say whether there had been a "major shift" in this policy, Mr Churchill told a crowded House that he had made no new commitments and no "secret or private arrangements" with Mr Truman or his Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson.

The former Foreign Minister, Mr Herbert Morrison, leading the Opposition attack, had accused Mr Churchill of coming back from Washington with "vaguely expressed and possibly grave commitments."

Mr Morrison declared, "Our business is not to build up a Chinese wall against us. . . . Moreover, there is a Commonwealth aspect. India and other countries have a great part to play in the great world of Asia. The Labour Government and the Indian Government achieved much by Anglo-Indian co-operation and understanding between us and India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. We wish that co-operation to continue."

Mr Churchill gave this assurance to the House: "We adhere to the policy followed by the late administration with regard to the Korean conflict and the relations between Great Britain and China. It is not true to say that I in any way departed from this position."

"There is no truth in the suggestion that any secret or private arrangements were made or any changes of policy

agreed upon formally or informally, actually or implied by me or Mr Eden (the Foreign Minister) during our visit to the United States."

Declaring that he had made no new commitments of any sort Mr Churchill said that nothing could be more foolish than for the allies of the United States or United Nations to become engulfed in the vastness of China or for the Chiang Kai-shek nationalists to undertake an adventure on the Chinese mainland.

But he added that if a truce in Korea were broken there would be serious consequences. Mr Churchill declared that in such an event (the breaking of a truce) "we must act as good comrades to our American and other United Nations friends and as a loyal member of the United Nations Organisation."

"In this case our action, like that contemplated by our pre-

decessors, will be prompt, resolute and effective."

Mr Churchill said it was the intense desire of the United States and its allies to drive a wedge between the British and American.

The mood and temper in which the vote of censure had been moved on himself could be made use of by isolationists in the United States, Mr Churchill warned.

Amid loud Government cheers Mr Churchill affirmed, "The prospects of a truce being reached and respected in Korea will depend to a large extent upon the unity between Britain and the United States being proved to be not only unbreakable but growing stronger and the attempts of all who seek to weaken or defeat us must be repulsed and condemned as they will be tonight by the House of Commons."

Socialists' Angry Denial

Mr Churchill told the House that in September last year the Americans proposed that in the event of a breakdown of the armistice talks and the resumption of large scale fighting in Korea certain action should be taken of a more limited character.

These proposals were accepted by Mr Morrison and endorsed by Mr Clement Attlee, the then Prime Minister, Mr Churchill affirmed.

An angry scene immediately followed this statement.

Mr Attlee, Mr Morrison, and Mr Acheson, all intervened.

Mr Morrison declared that there was no analogy between what Mr Churchill had revealed and the present situation under discussion.

The Labour Government's commitments had been solely concerned with what should be done if United Nations troops were attacked from the air by aircraft from certain airfields outside Korea.

"In principle, one cannot stand by in that case and do nothing whatever about it," Mr Morrison continued. "But that is a totally different thing from widespread war and the invasion of China."

Mr Bevan then jumped to his feet and asked if Mr Churchill

was quoting from Cabinet papers. If so he hoped that the papers be laid before the House. Mr Bevan had a long altercation with the Deputy Speaker, Sir Charles MacAndrew, who said that the rule was that a document might be paraphrased, if it was quoted from it must be laid before the House unless it was against the public interest to do so.

Mr Attlee: "It is very easy to paraphrase and give a twist."

Mr Churchill maintained that he was not quoting at all and after the Deputy Speaker had repeated his ruling, the Prime Minister was allowed to continue.

Mr Churchill said that when the Conservative Government came into office it was asked by the United States what would happen if a truce were agreed and then treacherously broken by the Chinese and if heavy fighting were resumed on a large scale.

The British Government agreed that it would be prudent to make clear that serious consequences would follow the breach of the terms of an agreed truce.

"But the new Government, conforming in principle to the policy of its predecessors and did

not commit itself even as far as they had gone.

"Nevertheless, the action which we have agreed, like that of the Socialist government before us, fully justified the description I gave to Congress of being 'prompt, resolute and effective'."

"We adhere to the policy followed by the late administration with regard to the Korean conflict and the relations between Great Britain and China. It is not true to say that I in any way departed from this position."

Summing up, Mr Churchill gave a four-point resume of his argument:

1.—There had been no change in British policy towards the United States, the United Nations or to the war in Korea.

2.—His Government conformed to the policy for which the Labour Government was responsible.

3.—Nothing could be more foolish than for the allies of the United States or the United Nations to become engulfed in the vastness of China or for the Chiang Kai-shek nationalists to undertake an adventure on the Chinese mainland.

4.—But if a truce were broken in Korea there would be serious consequences.

That kind," Mr Bevan said. Stressing that he was speaking as an individual, Mr Bevan said he believed that the overwhelming mass in every party in Britain agreed with him on that point.

He warned that disagreement over these matters might be the end of what had been described as bi-partisan foreign policy in Britain.

Mr Bevan asked if Mr Churchill approved of the reported declaration by Mr Bevan Dulles on February 1 that "the United States must let the Far East know that it would not

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New Weapons This Year For British Army

London, Feb. 26.

Two-thirds of the money the Army will spend on armaments in the financial year 1952-53 will go on tanks, anti-aircraft and other weapons, War Secretary Antony Head said today in a memorandum on the Army Estimates, amounting to £521,500,100.

During the year, new weapons and equipment will begin to come into the hands of troops in substantial quantities. "Despite recent improvements, we have no cause for complacency about regular recruiting," said Mr Head, who is to propose an amendment to the Army Act to allow men to enlist for career engagement of 22 years.

To increase the flow of regular officers, conditions of entry to Sandhurst are being reviewed to encourage more candidates with technical qualifications. Everything possible will also be done to increase the number of women with regular women's organisations within the Army. — Reuter.

Midnight Screams Lead Police To Dramatic Scene

Naked Man With 3-Foot Beard Confronts Woman In House

Bristol, Feb. 26.

Midnight screams from a dingy old house here led police to a candle-lit room, where an 84-year old woman shrunk in terror from a naked man with a three-foot beard and hair hanging down to his waist.

At midnight last night Somerset Street—a suburban road in the Bristol suburb of Kingsdown—was roused by high pitched screams from one of the four-storey houses.

Neighbours identified them as coming from the mystery house where they sometimes saw weird figures at the windows. Then came the crash of breaking glass and the ring of coin on the pavement as bottles and money were hurled from a window.

Someone called the police. A squad car and ambulance arrived. After a time an old woman and a crouching animal-like figure were led out to the ambulance.

Today police pictured to reporters the Dickensian scene they saw at midnight behind the decaying curtains of the house. There, amid the dust of years, thick on every ledge, were two dogs, a parrot, a cockatoo, a bullfinch and a budgerigar.

In an upper room Miss Louise Tucker, 84, shrunk in near collapse away from the strange figure, covering in a blanket in the shadows away from the candles.

MAN IDENTIFIED

Police identified the figure—a neighbour called it "some pathetic animal more than a human being"—as 42-year-old Harry Tucker, who had not left the house since he was a boy.

The ambulance took him to a mental institution, the old woman to a hospital; animal welfare officials took away the birds and dogs. Police padlocked the front door of the now silent house.

But today neighbours stopped each other in the dusk on their way home from work and swapped theories. Mrs Dix Flay, who heard and saw the midnight drama, said: "There used to be a boy living in the house. But he vanished after leaving school at 14. Certainly none of us has seen him since, although there were all sorts of rumours during the war about a weird figure having been seen at the windows."

Mrs Flay went on: "Miss Tucker lived at the house with her three splinter sisters, but the others died off one by one until she was the only one left. Clara and Rosina Tucker died about three years ago. Louise used to come out shopping twice a week, but would never allow anyone in to the house."

"If the doctor called she would meet him in the passage. I saw the couple being taken away, and the man looked more like some pathetic animal than a human being."

Tonight the city authorities said the old woman was in a home for the aged, and the man under medical observation. It was "extremely unlikely" there would be any court proceedings. There might be some sort of relationship between the two, but it was not clear.

The woman had lived in the house all her life. And if the official registers hold the secret of a broken romance and a child hidden from the world for 30 years, the neighbours will never know officially.

But, unofficially, neighbours believe the bearded man is the last Miss Tucker's nephew.

Few of them had ever seen him before. Neighbours said it was "an unholy din" which roused them last night. Before that they had rarely seen the inhabitants of the house because Miss Tucker only went out at night. (Trademen left their goods on the doorstep.)

They talked of the house as furnished in the style of a century ago, the heavy furniture and hangings musty now with the dust of years.

And whoever the bearded man's mother is, she sent him to a good school, the gossip said. But it was a long time ago. "We haven't seen him since before the war."

They meant the 1914-1918 war. — Reuter.

Russia Steals Mine Secret

Paris, Feb. 26.

A senior American naval officer said today that Russia had "stolen" the secret of an American mine which can float in the sea for days undetected and cannot be swept up by an ordinary minesweeper.

The statement was made by an officer accompanying Admiral Lynde McCormick, the new American Supreme Commander in the North Atlantic, who is here for a conference with General Dwight Eisenhower.

The officer said of the mine, "It can float in the water undetected for days and cannot be swept. It was an American invention which the Russians have stolen."

He did not say how the Russians had "stolen" the details of the top secret mine. But he added that the Russians knew how to make the deadly American invented explosive with which the top secret mine is charged.

The mine is of the type that can float harmlessly in the water and then automatically "arm" itself for discharge, the officer said. — United Press.

Sir Oliver Franks May Refuse Job

Washington, Feb. 26.

Diplomatic sources expressed considerable doubt today that the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, will take the job as the First Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The 47-year-old diplomat apparently has not made his final decision yet. — United Press.

Stone Of Scone Back In Abbey

Prime Minister's Revelation

London, Feb. 26.

The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, announced in the House of Commons today that with the approval of Queen Elizabeth the Coronation Stone had been restored to its traditional place in Westminster Abbey.

The Stone was taken by Scottish nationalists from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1950, and removed to Scotland.

Later, it was brought back to the Abbey and hidden for safe-keeping. But a burglar alarm was installed to safeguard the Stone from further attempts to remove it.

Mr Churchill was asked today by Mr Hector McNell, former Secretary of State for Scotland, if he had consulted "representative opinion" in Scotland.

At first Mr Churchill remained seated, then when Mr McNell pressed his question the Prime Minister replied, "I think all the proper consultations were made and so far as we were able to ascertain the course we have taken is the right and proper one."

Mr McNell asked whom the Prime Minister had consulted.

Mr Churchill replied, "I cannot say when every single consultation took place. The matter has been most carefully and most properly considered."

When Mr Walter Elliott (Conservative) said that the restoration of the Stone would give "widespread pleasure" in Scotland, there was a loud uproar and dismission from the Labour benches. — Reuter.

Students Take Over Mosque

Tunis, Feb. 26.

Relays of 300 Islamic students are taking it in turns to install themselves in the Grand Mosque at Sfax and Tunis.

The students are expressing their sympathy for 22 other students sentenced here today for illegally demonstrating against France.

Eight of the 22 students were sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment, and all were fined 20,000 francs.

Many shops in Sfax have closed in protest against today's sentences. — Reuter.

Anglo-Egyptian Relations

BACK TO NORMAL

Cairo, Feb. 26. A British Embassy spokesman here tonight described Anglo-Egyptian relations as "back to normal."

He said, "A healthier atmosphere now prevails."

Diplomatic contacts with the Egyptian Government had been resumed, he added.

He said that liaison between Government officials and the British military authorities in the Suez Canal Zone had been re-established. Road and rail communications in and out of the Canal Zone, which at one time was sealed off from the rest of Egypt, were now free of any British military restrictions.

The statement was the first of its kind made by the British Embassy since the former Wafdist Government, led by Nasser Pasha, abrogated the Anglo-Egyptian treaty last October.

Anglo-Egyptian diplomatic contacts until recently have been confined to exchanges of protests and counter-protests.

GROUND CLEARED

Cairo Radio said tonight that the Anglo-Egyptian talks beginning here next Saturday between the Prime Minister, Aiy Maher Pasha, and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, need not take a long time "as all points to be discussed are now clear and well defined."

It is believed that the Egyptian Ambassador to Britain, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, has "cleared the ground" for the talks. During his short visit to Britain to attend the funeral of King George, Amr Pasha had talks with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden.

A British Embassy spokesman here today emphasised that the four-power proposals for a Middle East defence system with Egypt's full participation as a full member remains "a fundamental basis for a settlement on outstanding Anglo-Egyptian differences." — Reuter.

REPORT DENIED

Lisbon, Feb. 26.

A British official spokesman tonight categorically denied a report that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the US Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, had agreed here on proposals for solving the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

The report said that the proposals would be put to the Cairo Government next Saturday.

The discussions the two Ministers had on Egypt were of a general nature only, the spokesman said. — Reuter.

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Windsor Sees The Queen

London, Feb. 26. The Duke of Windsor, who leaves here for the United States on Thursday, lunched today with his niece, Queen Elizabeth II. The Duke, who came to England a fortnight ago to attend the funeral of his younger brother, King George VI, returned to London today from a week-end business visit to Paris. He is likely to see the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, a very old friend, before he sails, his secretary told Reuters.

Espionage Network In Greece

Athens, Feb. 26. Evidence of an alleged spy network in Greece now being probed by a Military Court trial of 29 suspects here, will be passed on to the United Nations.

One of the accused, a 30-year-old Greek woman named Elli Joannides, told the Court today that the trial was an "international show-down" and was directed not against individuals but against the Communist movement.

Joannides, who is already under sentence of death for trying to overthrow the Greek regime by force, and an Athenian lawyer, Dimitrios Hais, were described by the prosecution as a "spy outfit".

Informed Greek sources said that steps had been taken to enable United Nations observers now here to interview the leading accused next month.

Stenographers from the Greek Parliament have been taking a report of the Court proceedings for the Government to forward to the United Nations.

Joannides said in evidence that there was "too much talk about the Cominform and very little about Comiso".

Batis said that he had no knowledge what was done with the money he received from Paris and distributed to members of a spy ring.

Admitting that he was left-wing but not Communist, he warned 200,000 Greeks who cast their votes for the United Democratic Left - allegedly Communist-sponsored - that "while the Communists are holding in one hand the olive branch of peace, with the other hand they are manipulating secret radios to convey information to Greece's enemies." - Reuters.

ARMOUR FOR JUNGLE WAR

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 27. The Malayan Government is carrying out an inquiry among importers to determine how much armour plate is required this year for use in the anti-terrorist war.

Mr N. A. J. Kennedy, Assistant Comptroller, Trade Division, Federation Treasury, said the information was necessary to assist in the procurement of armour plating from the U.K. which is in short supply.

It was difficult for British manufacturers to supply Malaya with armour unless the orders were officially sponsored by the Malayan Government. - Associated Press.

COLOMBO PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Karachi, Feb. 26. Australia's Minister for External Affairs, Mr. R. G. Casey, will lead the Australian delegation at next month's meeting here of the Colombo Plan's Consultative Committee.

The meeting, opening on March 24, will review the progress of economic development in South-East Asia under the Colombo Plan. - Reuters.

Western Germany is to contribute 10,200 million marks in the year 1952-53 to Western defence—1,050 million marks less than recommended by the "Three Wise Men," it was announced here tonight.

The three Western Governments have agreed that the 1,050 million marks difference between this figure and the 11,250 million marks recommended by the Atlantic Pact's Harriman Committee should cover part of the cost of the general police forces, frontier guards, military pensions and the mobile police forces in West Berlin.

A communique issued here tonight by the "Big Three" Western Foreign Ministers—Mr Anthony Eden (Britain), Mr Dean Acheson (United States) and M. Robert Schuman (France)—said that the negotiations between America, Britain and France, on the one hand, and Germany on the other regarding the German financial contribution to defence in 1952-53 had now resulted in agreement.

The Federal German Government has declared that it will base its defence contribution in the NATO year 1952-53 on the figure recommended by the members of the Executive Bureau of T.C.C. (the Atlantic Pact's Temporary Council Committee set up in Ottawa last year).

"This means that in addition to those expenditures for defence purposes in the regular public budget of the Federal Republic, there will be an average monthly defence contribution of 850 million marks following the establishment of the European defence community."

It is proposed that the amount of future total German defence contributions will, of course, be established under the same principles as apply to all participating countries.

"In the meantime, the three powers will exercise their best efforts to maintain at the lowest possible figure their occupation costs for the period prior to the coming into effect of the treaty establishing the European defence community."

A British spokesman here said tonight that the 1,050 million marks additional expenditure was considered to be defence expenditure under the terms of the Harriman Committee.

The NATO year mentioned would begin on July 1, assuming that the six-nation European defence community and the contractual arrangements between the Allies and Germany were ratified by that time.

A BIG STEP In the meantime, he said, occupation costs would continue to be paid to the Allied powers in the usual way.

The spokesman said that the agreement between Germany and the three Western powers was a big step on the road towards the establishment of the European defence community.

The German contribution will not include the fund which bolsters the civilian economy of West Berlin.

There will be a special meeting shortly of the European defence community countries attended by British and American officials to decide the apportionment between the cost of raising Germany's own forces and the "logistical support" (the old occupation costs) of the Allied forces in Germany, an authoritative source said here today.

The "Big Three" agreed last night on a new formula for Germany's contribution and referred this back to Bonn for the German Government's agreement.

These latest developments in the "Big Three" German policy were communicated earlier today to the Foreign Ministers of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, who expressed complete agreement, an authoritative source said. - Reuters.

KONN STATEMENT Bonn, Feb. 26. The West German Government in a statement tonight on the Lisbon NATO conference announcement, said that its actual payment to European defence for the financial year 1952-53 was likely to be about 8,800 million marks.

If the occupation statute is abolished and the new free treaty system with the Allies comes into force, on August 1, West Germany will, during the first four months of the financial year April to July, continue to pay occupation costs.

She would then pay towards European defence only for the remaining eight months of the financial year.

This payment would amount to some 6,800 million marks. The total expenditure during the financial year would thus be some 8,800 million marks.

If German production increases - fell short of what NATO had expected, the Government reserved the right to "seek financial help till the level of the defence contribution can be fixed anew."

German capacity to pay would, in any case, be re-estimated before the end of the year beginning in August, the Government stated.

GERMANY SATISFIED The West German Finance Minister, Herr Fritz Schaefter, told a Press conference that this solution, in his opinion, satisfied all German requirements.

"Though it enabled a German defence contribution it did not involve Germany in any danger of inflation and it would not make any necessary."

Herr Schaefter referred to the revision of the financial contributions to NATO which was to begin after August 1 and said that the revision would also take into account whether Germany's total economic production had increased at the rate at which NATO had estimated.

If this was not the case the Germans were entitled, under today's agreement, to appeal to the Atlantic Pact for financial help.

He said that negotiations were still under way with the Allies on how Germany's total defence contribution was to be split up between contributions to the European Army and to the maintenance of foreign troops in Germany which were not members of the European Army.

Germany's view was that all payments should be made to the European Army till from which further payments could be made for the costs of American, British, Norwegian and Danish units in Germany. - Reuters.

Air Disasters Investigation

Washington, Feb. 26. President Truman today instructed a presidential commission to inquire into airport and airport approach conditions at Elizabeth, New Jersey, where three recent crashes have cost 110 lives.

The group, headed by General James H. Doolittle, Commander of the Eighth Army Air Force in the last war, began its investigation today behind closed doors. It has been given 90 days for its study.

It will probably devote particular attention to major airports in the neighbourhood of thickly populated areas. - Reuters.

JOINT WAR EXERCISES UNDER WAY

Naples, Feb. 26. American planes "attacked" French cruisers while British submarines "torpedoed" Italian destroyers in the Mediterranean today in one of the biggest joint exercises ever staged between nations.

The nine-day exercise, entitled "Grand Slam," is commanded by an American, Admiral Robert B. Carney, Commander-in-Chief of the South Atlantic sector of the Atlantic Pact forces.

More than 200 ships of all four nations are taking part. The exact figures of ships and planes are being withheld as a security precaution.

It was officially stated tonight at the end of the first day that "Grand Slam" was moving on schedule and with clocklike precision.

The exercise is designed to give sailors of the four nations an opportunity of working with each other, testing inter-changeability of equipment (such as refuelling lines) and trying to iron out language difficulties in the communications system.

One step had already been taken with the adoption of a NATO code which covers standard naval operation.

Throughout the day the ships and planes of each nation switched roles from attackers to defenders and back again.

Shore-based planes operated from French and American bases in North Africa and from the bases of all four powers in Europe (the British from Malta). - Reuters.

Philippines To Get Loan

New York, Feb. 26. Filmon Rodriguez, general manager of the Philippine National Power Corporation, arrived here today from Manila preparatory to signing an Export-Import Bank loan to aid hydro-electric development in his country.

The loan will be \$20,000,000 for the Ambuklao Hydro-electric project.

Mr Rodriguez and the Philippine Ambassador, General Romulo, are expected to complete details of the agreement with the Bank in the immediate future. - Associated Press.

Industrial Use Of Uranium

Canberra, Feb. 26. Mr Robert G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said tonight that British, American and Australian scientists had exchanged information about the industrial use of uranium.

He told Parliament that uranium mined in Australia would not automatically be devoted to the manufacture of war weapons. But although the Government had in mind the development of uranium resources for industry, this did not mean it would not be used for military purposes, the Prime Minister said. - Reuters.

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Paris Over New
Taxation Plans

Dr. Adenauer, German Federal Chancellor, leaves the Foreign Office in London with M. Schuman, French Foreign Minister, after discussions on the European Army question. — Express Service.

Coronation
In Spring
Next Year?

Wellington, Feb. 26. The Prime Minister, Sidney G. Holland, told a news conference today that his guess was that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II will come in April, May or June of 1953.

Court circles in London said yesterday that the Coronation in Westminster Abbey will be in 1953 but did not specify a date, on which Commonwealth chiefs such as Mr. Holland are being consulted.

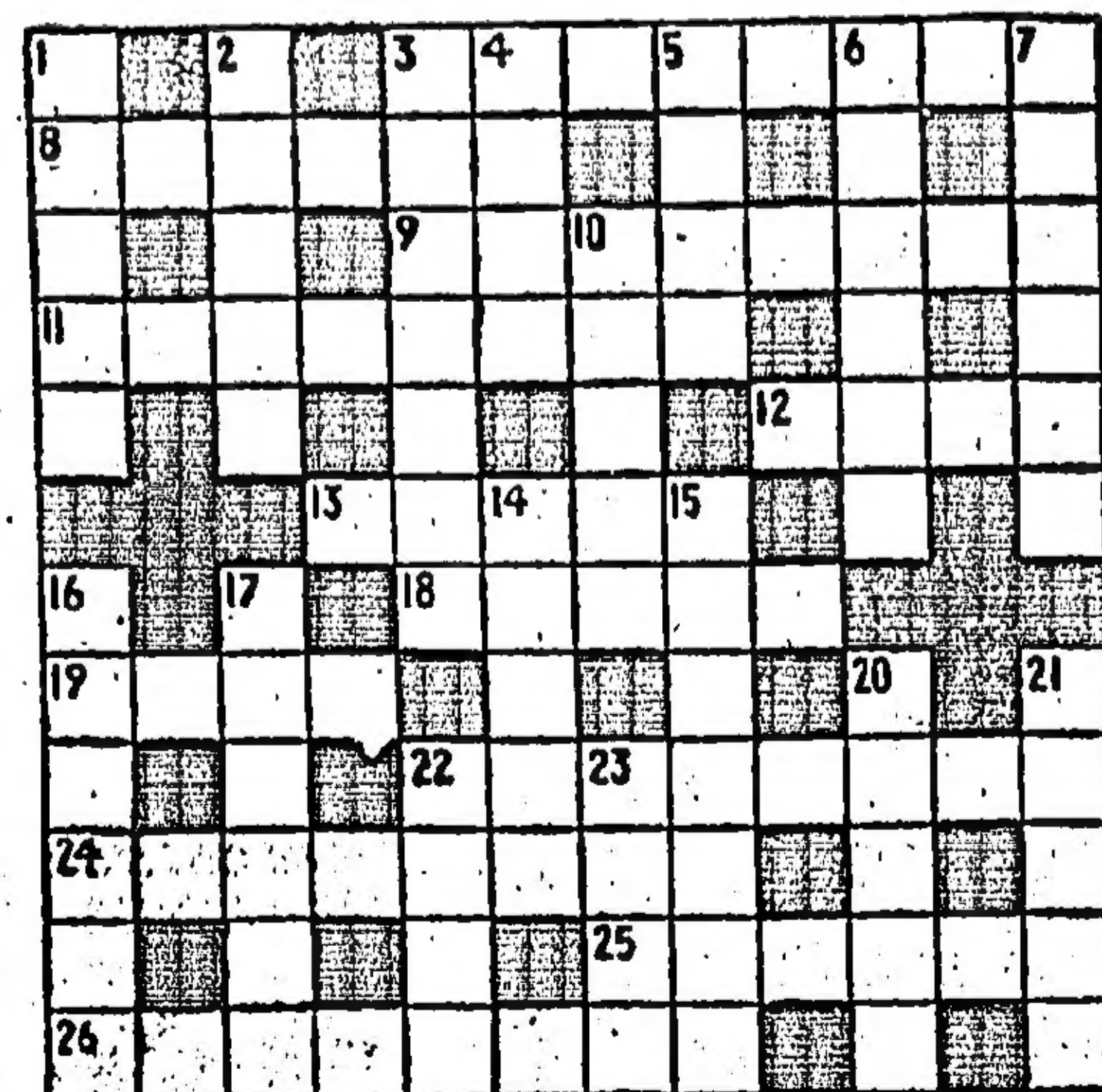
A high authority here also said the Queen and her husband will probably make their Royal tour in February, 1954. They were in Africa, en route to Australia and New Zealand, when King George VI died, forcing the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, to postpone the tour so she could return home to be crowned Queen.

A visit now, since she has become the Sovereign, would mark the first time a reigning Monarch had ever visited the "British Isles" Commonwealth countries. King George VI had intended to do so, but ill-health preceding his death forced cancellation of the tour. — Associated Press.

Alexander In UK

London, Feb. 26. Lord Alexander, the retiring Governor-General of Canada, is said to be in Britain today to take over the Defence Ministry, from the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Flatters (8)
8 Writer (8)
9 Medicine given to counter-act poison (8)
11 Record (8)
12 Stain (4)
13 Tangles (5)
14 Verve (5)
19 Declared (4)
22 Donated (8)
24 Appropriated clearly (8)
25 Item (8)
26 Unnecessary (8)

DOWN
1 Take without right (5)
2 Pulls along (5)
3 Humbling (7)
4 Mark of a blow (4)
5 Retreat (4)
6 Company of actors (8)
7 Detective (6)
10 Experiment (5)
14 Expels (5)
15 Long steps (7)
16 Unfruitful (6)
17 Comfort (8)
20 Fish (5)
21 Confuse (5)
22 Lodge (4)
23 Communists (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 3 Submerge, 7 Point, 8 Overture, 10 Encore, 13 Dispel, 15 Flue, 17 Violent, 18 Chance, 20 Horse, 21 Termite, 23 Needed, 25 Suspects, 26 Trade, 28 Suspends. Down: 1 Spied, 2 Discs, 3 Spire, 4 Murk, 5 Roubid, 6 Eyelet, 9 Valve, 11 Niche, 12 Opine, 14 Silent, 15 Flame, 16 Unite, 18 Chase, 19 Arises, 22 Raze, 24 Ident, 25 Edge, 26 Merv.

Council Penalises A
Gaoled Doctor

London, Feb. 26. A coloured doctor, Charles Lockley Bikitsha, said to be the direct heir to the paramount chieftaincy of a tribe in South Africa, was brought from prison today to hear his name removed from Britain's medical register.

The Disciplinary Committee of the General Medical Council, taking this action, gave him 28 days in which to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision.

It was stated that Bikitsha was serving a sentence of two years' imprisonment passed on him at Birmingham last July for attempting to procure the miscarriage of two women.

An application by his Council for his name to be removed from the register because of "possible repercussions" beyond the circumstances of the case was refused. Counsel argued that this was an exceptional case for great leniency. Bikitsha was a University "Blue" and a man who had earned great respect from all who had come into touch with him.

The vicar of the parish in which Bikitsha had worked said that no prison was too high for him. He was always at his best in maternity cases and had once visited one mother 13 times in 24 hours.

The offences for which Bikitsha was convicted concerned an unmarried Irish woman who was pregnant by a coloured man, and an unmarried coloured woman.

His Counsel said that if Bikitsha was persuaded to do wrong things it was because, having come from South Africa, he knew the hopeless and helpless future that half-caste children had.

It was Dr. Bikitsha's case right from the start that the Irish woman was suffering from an inevitable abortion.

In the case of the coloured woman the doctor claimed he had simply made a test to see if she was pregnant. — Reuter.

Procedure
For Army
Commissions

London, Feb. 26. The War Secretary, Mr. Anthony Head, denied a suggestion today that in certain regiments a man could not accept a commission unless he had a private income.

Asked for estimates of expenditure consequent on the granting of a commission, Mr. Head replied that uniform maintenance cost £50 a year and qualified for income tax rebate.

Mr. John Dugdale, Labour, said that in certain regiments a man could not accept a commission unless he had a private income and was told so by the commanding officer.

Mr. Head said, "I categorically deny that statement."

Mr. Head was not yet in a position to make a report about the effectiveness of the light-weight bullet-proof nylon waistcoats worn by Allied Infantrymen in Korea.

"We are keeping in close touch with the United States Army authorities on the development and trial of this clothing," he said. — Reuter.

Lifeboat For Turkey
Launched At Cowes

Cowes, Feb. 26. Turkey's first twin screw motor lifeboat was launched at a shipyard here today. The vessel, which in the event of its being capsized can right itself in five seconds from a completely inverted position, is being shipped to Istanbul, where it will probably be stationed. — Reuter.

Eritrean-Ethiopian
Federation Planned

Asmara, Feb. 26. Eritrean federation with Ethiopia, backed with a clause that it cannot be changed except by the United Nations, is the principal feature of the draft Constitution for Eritrea outlined here today.

Details of the new Constitution were given by Dr. Eduardo Anze Malenno, of Bolivia, the United Nations Commissioner for Eritrea.

The Constitution would establish Eritrea as an autonomous unit federated with Ethiopia under the sovereignty of the Ethiopian Crown.

Another important clause of the draft, which will be submitted to the Eritrean Assembly, is: If the Act of Federation and the Eritrean Constitution do not become effective and the implementation of the United Nations' resolution on federation as an autonomous State is found to be impossible, then the whole matter should again be referred to the United Nations.

The draft Constitution included:

Paris, Feb. 26. The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, told deputies today, a few hours after last night's all-night confidence debate, that they would have to sit again all night, all day tomorrow and up to midnight—over 24 hours without a break.

The debate will be on M. Faure's plan to increase all taxation in France by 15 per cent.

M. Faure has called a Cabinet meeting before the debate, which starts after dinner tonight.

He was authorised on Sunday to state his Government on a confidence vote as often as he thought fit during the Budget debate.

The Assembly's Finance Commission, which has only advisory powers, this afternoon flatly refused to discuss M. Faure's new taxation proposals.

A fortnight ago, when M. Faure was asking for considerably less, the Commission rejected the new tax plan.

In the Finance Commission today, 16 Gaullists and Conservatives voted not to examine the new proposals. Fifteen Radicals and Popular Republicans voted in favour of examining them.

Thirteen Socialists and moderate Conservatives did not vote at all.

M. Faure has added 60,000 million francs to the 130,000 million in new taxes that he submitted to the Finance Commission a fortnight ago and which they then rejected.

HUGE DEFICIT

The Commission has rejected without an examination the new figure of 100,000 million francs. M. Faure's friends among the Radicals and moderate Conservatives are not disposed to vote bigger taxation. The Socialists are reluctant to vote higher indirect taxation calculated to increase prices.

The overall figure M. Faure is trying to raise to balance the 1952 Budget is about 3,650,000 million francs. Of this 1,205,000 million is for defence.

America has promised a further 195,000 million francs for defence which do not contribute to the Budget balance. At present all civil expenses have been voted but the military credits have only been voted for January and February. There is a deficit of 400,000 million francs, which M. Faure is trying to fill with new taxes and drastic economies. — Reuter.

Life Expectancy
Of Canadians

Ottawa, Feb. 26. Canadians now have a life expectancy of 68 years if they are males and 70 if they are females, the Department of National Health and Welfare said today.

The Department said, "It is now estimated that boys and girls who survive the first year of life can, on an average, look forward to about 68 and 70 years of life, respectively."

The Department said that Canada was relatively a "young" nation. While the proportion of persons aged 50 years and over increased about four per cent in the last 20 years, 37 per cent of today's population is under 20 and nearly 70 per cent under 40 years of age. — United Press.

Manstein Out
On Parole

Dusseldorf, Feb. 26. The authorities here have granted ex-Feld Marshal Erich von Manstein a seven-day leave on parole from West Prison where he is serving a 12-year sentence for war crimes. He left the Prison today to visit his wife who lives in the Black Forest. — Reuter.

Warning On
Tuberculosis
Treatment
NEW DRUGS NOT
YET PROVED

New York, Feb. 26. A panel of experts warned today that new anti-Tuberculosis drugs have not yet passed their final trials and that for the time being Tuberculosis patients should proceed with the form of treatment prescribed for them.

One physician, Dr. Maxwell Chamberlain, Associate Chief Surgeon of Bellevue Hospital, said that he had received reports of some patients seeking to delay or call off planned surgery on diseased lungs.

Dr. Chamberlain's comments were made at a meeting of the New York County Medical Society.

He said that lung-surgery is a matter of "proper timing" and to delay a planned operation might result in hemorrhage for the patient and subsequent death.

Another expert, Dr. William Steenken, Jr., head of the Trudeau Laboratory, said that experiments with animals show that the new drugs, Marisid and Rifimol, also known as Nyderazid, do not kill all Tuberculosis germs.

While the new drugs had passed their initial tests, they still had to pass the test of giving beneficial results over a long period of time. This period of time might be as long as two years.

The doctors did say—that when a drug is available it should be used on hopeless cases, providing the patient knows that it is an experimental drug and that he is taking it on his own responsibility. — United Press.

SWEDEN TO
RETALIATE?

Stockholm, Feb. 26. Sweden may impose the same travel restrictions on Communist diplomats in Sweden as their countries impose on Swedish diplomats, the Foreign Minister, M. Olof Udden, told Parliament today.

He was answering questions from Members about Russian diplomats in Sweden in connection with recent trials where Swedish Communists were sentenced for having passed on secret information to Russian diplomats.

M. Udden said that the Russian Embassy staff comprised 50 persons, including 24 with diplomatic rank. The trade delegation consists of 87 members, including two of diplomatic status.

Having described the restrictions imposed on foreign diplomats in Russia and in other Communist countries, the Minister said: "The degree to which foreign diplomats' freedom of movement in Sweden should be regulated, on the basis of reciprocity, is under consideration."

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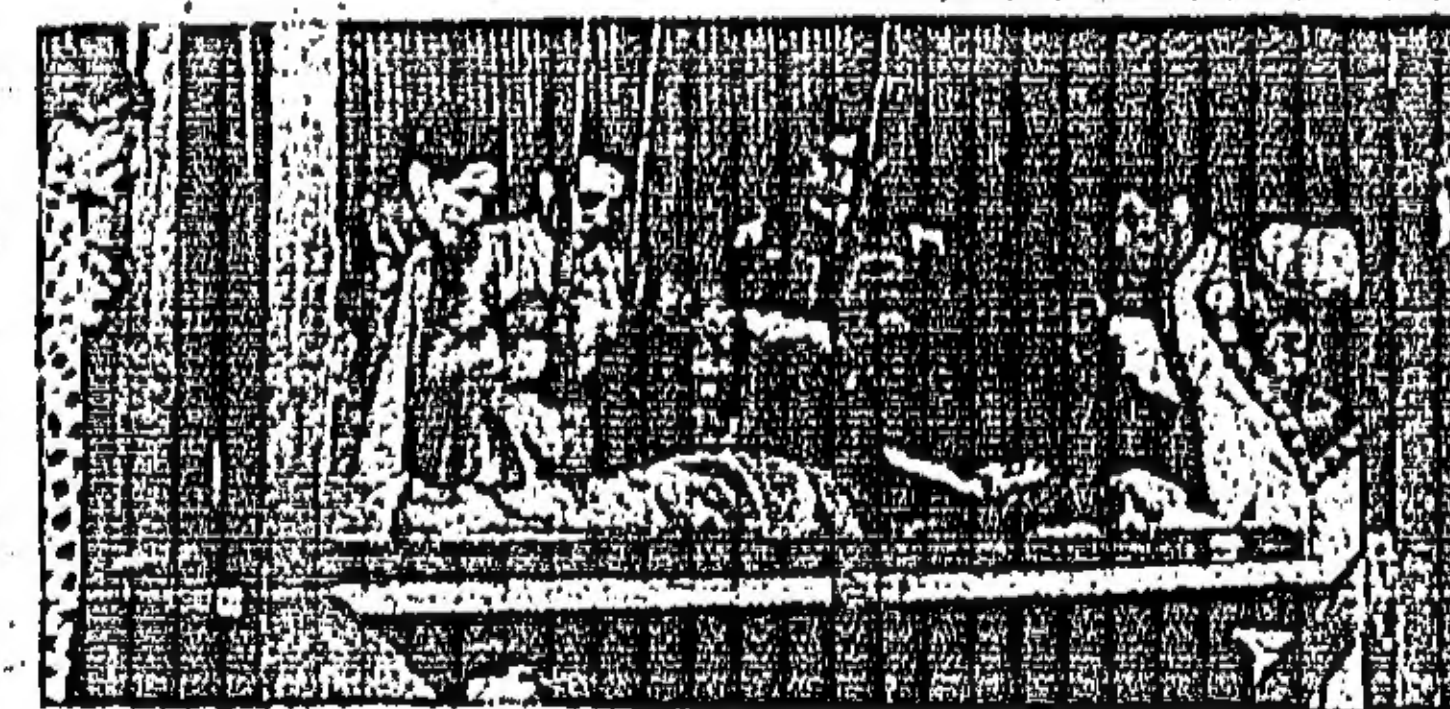
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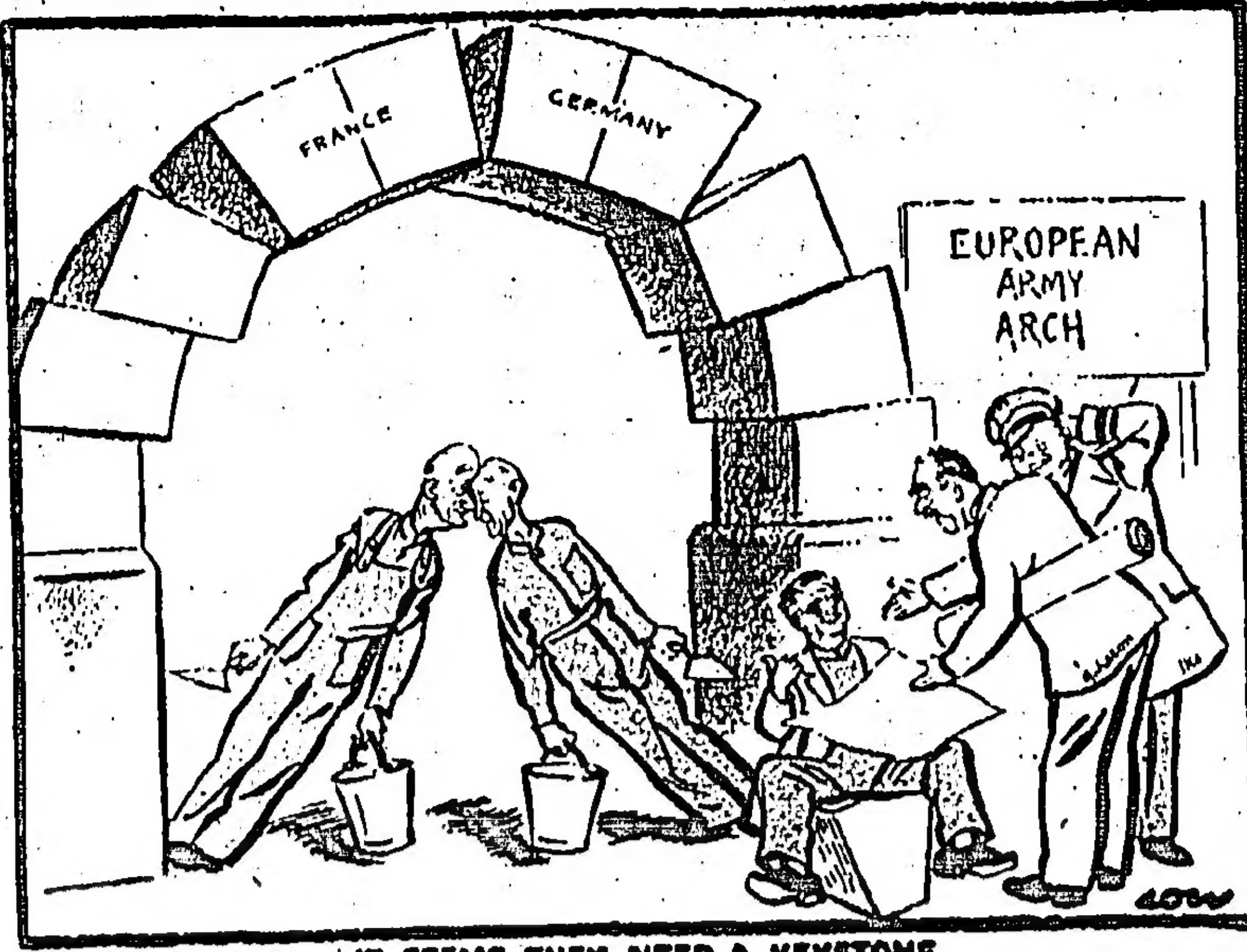
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HARD-UP HEROES

Report on the British
Army in Korea.... I

By MONTGOMERY HYDE, MP

THE BRITISH
MAJOR GETS
A CANADIAN
CORPORAL'S
PAY—AND
THE TURKS
AND GREEKS
MAKE OUR
MEN FEEL POOR

THE morale of the British soldier in Korea is unquestionably high. He is well fed. After some regrettable delays he is now well clothed. But he has some serious complaints.

His biggest grouse is about his pay and allowances. Forces of 21 United Nations are at present engaged in Korea. The British troops are the worst paid of the lot, except for the South Koreans.

They are paid less even than the Turks, for years the lowest-paid soldiers in Europe. The French and Greeks at present get more than our men; indeed the pay of their NCOs and privates now approaches the level of the American other ranks.

PRIVATE'S £22

This inequality is a substantial grievance—particularly when our rates of pay are compared with those of the other Commonwealth forces beside whom our men are fighting.

For example: a British private, married with one child, gets £22 3s. 4d. a month. The New Zealander in the same category gets £34, the Australian £46 and the Canadian £67.

It is the same in the officer grade. An English subaltern, married with one child gets £40 a month, New Zealand and Australian subalterns each receive £62 a month, and the Canadian £116.

A Canadian married corporal gets the same pay per month as an English major who is married. A Canadian sergeant actually receives more than an English lieutenant-colonel.

TAXED TOO

In addition, the British troops have to pay income tax. The Australians and New Zealanders do not have to pay any tax and the Canadians are taxed only on the first 30 dollars of their monthly pay. This is not germane to the matter of great consequence to the majority of our other ranks, but it has caused considerable ill-feeling among the officers.

British troops serving in Korea do not get any overseas allowance. Why not? According to the War Office spokesman, local overseas allowance is granted where the total essential expenditure of officers and other ranks is greater than their comparable expenditure in the United Kingdom. There has hitherto been

no evidence, say the War Office, that officers or other ranks in Korea are involved in higher total expenditure than if they were serving at home.

This is not strictly true. British troops in Hongkong receive allowances, although they are soldiering in peace-time conditions. When they go up to the Korean wastes to live and fight in a dangerous and Arctic climate, the allowance is stopped.

To some extent no doubt Whitehall is right when it says there is no extra cost of living to meet in Korea—no cafes, night-clubs and golf links like Hongkong.

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But it should not be forgotten that many of these troops left wives behind in Hongkong, whom they now have to maintain. In some cases I have heard of these wives having to maintain themselves in the comparatively expensive conditions prevailing in Hongkong.

Also the prices in the NAAFI are higher in Korea than they are elsewhere. The reason is that they are based on the prices ruling in Hongkong.

For instance, a shaving brush costs 4s. 6d. in Germany, and 5s. 4d. in Korea, and equipment cleaner, which every man must have, costs 5d. in Germany and 6d. in Korea, a 3 oz. tin of soap costs 4½d. in Germany

against 9d. for a 4oz. tablet in Korea.

It is scandalous that the men who are serving in conditions of greater danger and discomfort should have to pay so much more for these articles of everyday use.

The grant of the overseas allowance to our men in Korea would go some way to adjust this inequality if the board of NAAFI cannot do it of their own accord.

Someone may ask: do not our Korean Servicemen receive gratuities and are not these free? The answer is yes. But the gratuities are not immediately payable and many men consider they are so negligibly in amount as to be almost insulting.

A private is eligible for £10 for three months' reckonable service in Korea. For 12 months he is entitled to £18, and for 18 months (the maximum tour of duty in this theatre) £25. The figures for an Army lieutenant are £16, £37 3s. and £51 respectively.

The soldier does not get his gratuity as soon as he has completed three months' service. He has to wait for his money—until he is posted away from the Korean theatre or until, to quote the official statement, "the special circumstances held to warrant gratuities have ceased to exist."

In spite of the arguments usually advanced in official quarters against paying the troops anything in the nature

Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

If anybody should doubt that the British people have already begun their painful climb towards the glowing heights of their former glory, he should read the story of Mrs. Camm, of Edinburgh, who was reported to have been detained in an hotel at Klagenfurt, Austria, for hitting a frontier guard with her umbrella.

To young people the incident will be without significance, but to those like myself, who were teen-aged when our country was great and powerful, even if

unpopular, Mrs. Camm's act of courage and defiance is a reminder of the days when nobody could push a Briton around with impunity, let alone a Scots-woman with an umbrella.

For, in those stirring times, British matrons at home wielded the umbrella like an avenging sword on people of the lower orders who failed in their respectful duty.

Abroad it was wielded like a scourge upon foreigners who were not aware that we owned the earth.

Bus conductors who rang bells before matrons were safely aboard the vehicle were cracked across the head with an umbrella almost as a matter of routine.

Railway porters who gave surly answers were assaulted so frequently that nobody took any notice.

In foreign parts, the British matron with her umbrella was feared as much as Mrs. Carrie Nation with her hatchet, was feared by American saloon keepers.

Not only Continental hotel porters cowered before the cut and thrust of a rolled broom. Armed police who showed truculence or incivility (or just couldn't speak English) blew their whistles for help when British umbrellas whirled about their ears.

Next time a frontier guard sees a stern-faced woman in tweeds carrying an umbrella like a sword, he had better beware.

She will be the revived spirit of Britain unafraid of a thousand like him if they are armed with rifles, revolvers, tommy guns or even howitzers.

NO WORD

The question of the local overseas allowance was frequently raised without success in the last Parliament. Shortly after the present Parliament assembled, my Tory colleague, Brigadier Terence Clarke, M.P., raised it with the new Secretary for War, Mr. Head, and urged that the grants should be made retrospective. Mr. Head replied that he was looking into the matter.

That was over three months ago. So far Mr. Head has made no statement. I hope he will do so forthwith and let the men have the allowances, to which they are morally if not legally entitled.

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(MORE TOMORROW)

Brief encounter

So you're Nat Gubbins, are you? Splendid. I often read your little bit in the paper. Do you?

Sometimes it's quite good. But not always, of course. Of course not.

A friend of mine met your brother a few weeks ago.

That was very clever of him. Why clever?

Because I haven't got a brother.

But you must have. My friend met him.

Oh, well. That's different.

Then I met an old friend of yours quite recently. Teddy something or other. Remember?

No.
His surname begins with an S or an M. Or is it a W?

I've no idea.

Well, he knows you all right. Does he?

Short and fair with a moustache. Ring a bell?

It rings a hundred bells.

Oh, I daresay there are lots of people like that. But this chap has known you all his life.

Has he?

The last time he saw you was in Birmingham. Or was it Blackpool?

I have never been to Blackpool.

Then it must have been Birmingham.

I have never been to Birmingham either.

Oh, well. It's been interesting to meet you.

Interesting to meet you, too, I'm sure.

Holiday girl

A READER writes:—

We are two girls who would like to know how to get out of the new travelling allowance for holidays abroad. Hotel expenses for a fortnight will leave little to spend on the things we like to do, such as having those funny drinks in funny cafes and bars and amusing talks with English-speaking natives—fellows we mean, though decent ones, of course. We think it's all part of the fun, don't you?

Yes, dear, I do. What's more, I think your idea of spending a holiday abroad—exchanging amusing, but clean, cracks with decent male foreigners in the twinkling of an eye—sounds like a very reasonable thing to do.

In fact, your difficulties have been described in a vivid phrase written by a woman columnist now in Spain.

After reckoning the cost of her accommodation, her supply of local currency is so small that she is obliged to choose between baths and bullfights.

As she is staying a fortnight, let us hope she will choose baths.

IN GERMANY, GIRLS GO OUT ONLY WITH SCARRED FACES

By Antony Terry

ON the blood-stained floors of hundreds of attics in German university towns, the young men are once more slashing at each other in the old duelling cult, now revived to "eradicate the softness and degeneracy caused by the influence of Western democracy on the German race."

Dressed in coloured caps, the traditional regalia of the duellers, the illegal "Mensur Leagues" are meeting at least once a week in most of West Germany's 15 main universities.

In attics and back rooms of beer cellars, owned by "reliable" former Nazis, the bloody ritual of the sabres is in force once more.

Police who have tried to investigate are being thwarted by a conspiracy of silence among the students themselves and the college "elders."

In Göttingen, one of the most Nazi universities, German journalists and photographers who reported the trial of a student, Wilfried Von Studnitz, acquitted by a local court on a charge of duelling in a candle-lit barn, have been threatened by the university officials and the Nazi duelling corps with reprisals if they publish reports or pictures of the trial in the foreign press.

Blond, good-looking Von Studnitz has become the hero of the 20,000 members of the illegal duelling league since he defied the court and obtained an acquittal. Hundreds of students shouted "Deutschland über alles" during the verdict, and carried him shoulder high through the streets of Göttingen.

Police officers who gave evidence produced the swords and duelling equipment with which Von Studnitz admitted having fought other students on many occasions.

Bad Tradition

Other witnesses described how the "wearing" of scars on the face received in duelling had become fashionable again among the neo-Nazi leagues. They said that one of the difficulties in breaking up the secret duelling societies was that German women students refused to be seen out with a male student who could not prove "masculine" by having scars on his face.

Duelling is a bad old tradition in Germany. The grim sword-slashing Prussian officer has been a European caricature for over 100 years.

The type was perfectly portrayed by film actor, Erich von Stroheim, himself once a student in Germany. The sword-slashing von Stroheim still wears on his

face are genuine, though they are sometimes "helped" by the make-up man.

They date from his duelling days and they are more the ideal of thousands of young Germans today.

The old duelling societies were originally fraternal organisations, which admitted the most socially acceptable, after a "testing" of two duels.

Once admitted to the drinking and duelling fraternity, the member was expected to fight several more duels.

The brawl is bloody but not lethal, for the aim is mainly to scar, not kill.

Face and shoulders are the only parts of the duellists' bodies not protected by heavy black padding, and the aim is to slash at the face.

Wounds are stitched and bandaged by fellow medical students; zipping out the stitches prematurely to leave an uglier scar is considered bad form.

After the duelling bouts, in which a student is sometimes forced to allow his face to be heavily slashed by a more expert swordsman to prove his "toughness," the Mensur Leagues celebrate "in all night beer-bellar carousals."

Police dare not intervene to stop the singing of Nazi war-time marches and anti-British songs.

To conceal their underground Nazi activities and the illegal way for his successor.

duelling, some students' leagues have a double set of rules—an "open" one for the university officials to show to police and foreign visitors, and the secret "constitution" which is kept carefully hidden.

The secret rules contain sentences such as "Our aim is to revive the spirit of the Prussian officer... no member is eligible unless he comes of pure Aryan stock... for Jews are not Germans."

"Our objective," they say, "must be to erase the degenerate principles of democracy which Britain has helped to infuse into German youth since the war and to replace them by the true principles of the Germanic master race."

Horst Wessel

At a recent meeting of Nazi students at Marburg, a big university in the U.S. Zone, the chairman told his audience: "You can call a street sweeper a pig-dog and he has no right to object. A man of his class has no honour to defend."

Despite all attempts to kill this swaggering brutality, there has not been a single successful prosecution so far.

The prospect of a weapon-carrying student corps, shouting nationalist songs in shabby cellars, is deeply disturbing Allied officials and some Germans.

It was a "song" called "Horst Wessel" in a Munich beer-cellar that gave impetus to Hitler—these "students" are preparing the way for his successor.

Indeed, if your nice upbringing is too obvious, it is doubtful if they will even offer you a cigarette.

So, unless you are exceptionally lucky with some funny, clean and generous foreigners, I'm afraid you've had it, dear.

You must either spend the rest of your holidays in funny cafes where you can order a cup of coffee and sit and sip and stare for hours on end at small cost, or trudge round the museums and stare at rude pictures which, if not very funny, are usually free.

I think you would have a much funnier time at Margate.

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POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"But of course I'm old for international co-operation—I just somehow feel this you can't have a European army. Or the Olympic Games, but not both."

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Give Britain's Olympic Swimmers A Chance

Says JOHN MACADAM

We have had the unlamentable task lately of observing that Britain was not represented in the four-man Bob at the Winter Olympic Games in Oslo because there was, according to official sources, no bob-team of sufficient class available.

Now we have to report that the same applies to our swimmers for the summer Games in Helsinki—with the proviso that the swimmers will still go without the ghost of a chance.

And why? Because in this island country, gift by some of the finest waters in the world, we have neither the facilities nor the money for the professional coaches to put the facilities to good use. Most certainly the swimmers are here.

They are not only all round the coastal towns where we have seen them diving off the rigging of harboured vessels, but also swimming, from the age of six to 60, in water you'd hesitate to put a dinghy in.

NO FUNDS

They are also in even vaster numbers in the great industrial centres, doing their swimming in crowded public baths. But swimming.

Why, then, cannot we send an Olympic team with a chance? Because the Amateur Swimming Association have not the funds to create the baths, and therefore the space for potential Olympic entrants to train in.

Nor have they the money to subsidise the high class of coaches most of the other countries can sustain.

Now, what does a good swimming coach require? He requires, first, a considerable personality—a personality that will weld the young swimmers to his will.

He requires, secondly, a considerable knowledge of psychology so that he will not make the too-common mistake of asking the wrong efforts of the wrong people. He requires, thirdly, a knowledge of hydrostatics.

Hydrostatics? To be unscientific about the subject, we can say that it is more difficult to make your way in an unnatural element like water than in a natural one like air.

In other words, a swimmer has more problems to solve than a runner.

Some swimmers solve these problems instinctively. Most have to be taught.

MUSCLE WORK

When you consider that a runner can cover 100 yards in approximately ten seconds and it takes a swimmer roughly five times that time to do the same thing, you get some idea of the muscle rearrangement involved in coping with the different stress.

The overseas coaches appreciate this, and their swimmers leave us so far behind that it is no longer funny.

The A.S.A. know it and they are praying, as their president, Midlander Cecil Plant told members of the Southern Counties at dinner the other night, that, before the next Games, Britain, enlightened in the matter of both space and coaching, to say nothing of funds, will take her rightful place in national swimming competition.

Do we, then, send a team without a chance to Helsinki? The A.S.A. think Yes—rather than hold back and fail to carry the flag.

We are inclined to agree with them and applaud them; at the same time wishing they could get some support for their swimmers throughout the country.—London Express Service.

Canada Names Its Outstanding Swimmers

Toronto, Feb. 26.

A brother and sister from Vancouver, B.C., have been chosen as Canada's outstanding swimmers of 1951.

The Canadian Swimming Association announced that Gerry McNamee, 18, has won the Sir Edward Beatty Trophy as Canada's outstanding swimmer in 1951. His 21-year-old sister, Kay, was named top female swimmer and winner of the Beatrice Pines Trophy.

The Association also announced that Archie McKinnon of Victoria has been selected as coach of the Canadian swimming team in the summer Olympics at Helsinki.

His name will be submitted to the Canadian Olympic Association for approval.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S HOPE FOR AN OLYMPIC TITLE



Birmingham girl Daphne Wilkinson has decided to be an Olympic Champion. Seeing that her performance of 5 minutes 17.6 seconds in the 440 Yards Free Style last year was the fastest in the world, she is quite likely to be one.

Daphne, not satisfied with that, has decided to make absolutely sure of being an Olympic Champion and she has given up her job and her home and has gone to London to be trained by her uncle, Frank Offord, famed ASA coach, who has already piloted her to top honours. This picture was taken at the Plumstead Baths.—Central Press Photo.

Cup Competition For Youngsters

Britain Takes A Lead From The Continent

By TOM FINNEY

It is not often that Britain can pick up football points from the Continent. I fancy, however, that the success of juvenile matches on the Continent may have influenced our authorities in the decision to prepare plans for a special Cup competition for lads between 15 and 18.

This, I think, is a most important move. Nothing is better calculated to defeat the £20,000 transfers which many people in Britain feel is detrimental to our football. News of the competition came from a meeting of the FA Council, when Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the FA, was asked to work out a scheme which 60 League clubs were promised to support.

The new trophy may be started next season, and I hope the FA decide to play the final at Wembley. The prospect of playing up a team for the next ten years, under Major Frank Buckley, the present Leeds United manager, and one or two other clubs went in for this youth development plan, before the war, but its large-scale development has been the most marked feature of our post-1945 football.

The FA have now recognised the trend, but they have several problems to settle before the best interests of the game. One, of course, is the decision as to when to play these games between the youngsters of say, Arsenal and Tottenham.

IN THEIR HANDS

The future of our national game is in the hands of these lads. Almost every League club recognised this fact long ago. Most of them now spend large

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the fixtures for the Ladies' Hockey League and both divisions of the Men's League for Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd.

LADIES' LEAGUE

Saturday: Gremlins "A" vs. Reccelo at Police Ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: J. C. Marcell, Krishin Lall.

Sunday

Dorians vs. Reccelo at KGV Ground at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: A. M. J. da Silva, Mickey Ram. Gremlins "B" vs. Victorians at Police Ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: W. O. I. Padley, C. Blackburn.

Little Flowers vs. KGV "A" at KGV ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: J. B. Gonsalves, A. Aziz Malik.

University vs. Gremlins "A" at University at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: W. O. Nixon, Maj. Sasson.

FIRST DIVISION

Sunday: RAF vs. HKHC on Police Ground at 4.00 p.m. Umpires: Sgt. Davies, F. Sgt. Leigh. Royal Navy vs. Thunderbolts on CBA Ground at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: P. F. Xavier, W. O. Leton.

SECOND DIVISION

Saturday: Aces vs. Army "B" at Soekunpo at 3.00 p.m. Umpires: G. B. Gurevitch, U.S. Dillon. HKAAF vs. Nau Javan at CBA ground at 3.00 p.m. Umpires: A. L. Nery, J. Baptista.

Sunday

HKAAF vs. Nav Bharat at CBA Ground at 2.15 p.m. Umpires: CPO Gilbert, Chief Writter Lloyd.

Army "B" vs. Argonauts "B" at Soekunpo at 3.00 p.m. Umpires: B. Sgt. Pitcher, R. Souza.

Nomads vs. Reccelo "B" at RN 1 at 9.30 a.m. Umpires: F. Sgt. Aldridge, Cpl. Blowers.

YMCA vs. Dutch at RN 1 at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: W. O. K.C.M. Smith, Yagub Khan.

Any teams or umpires who cannot meet these fixtures please contact the Hon. Fix Sec. at once, phone 58038. Umpires are requested to forward lists of the teams taking part and the results to the fixtures secretary, Lt. J. Chamberlain, c/o Royal Observatory, Kowloon.

sums of money each season on finding promising talent, running sides to develop and coach this band of youngsters and building up a team for the next ten years.

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In Switzerland and several other European countries, where they are an accepted feature of Continental football, the matches would be a natural curtain-raiser to important League fixtures. It is not so simple in Britain. With pitches affected by rain for several months of the season, it would not be practicable to play two matches in one afternoon.

MONEY-SPINNERS
The possibility of floodlit football comes into the argument. If sufficient grounds could be illuminated—and I am sure they will be within the next few years—then these games could become veritable money-spinners for clubs. On Wednesday it can attract large crowds to our leading grounds, and the experience would do the lads a world of good.

The great asset in "discovering" these lads and bringing them to the clubs at 16 or 17 is that it develops their team-spirit and this, of course, is the most important factor in a club's success.

I remember hearing Jack Smith, former Wolves' full-back, now managing West Bromwich Albion, say "Give me eleven 16-year-olds and the money to equip them, with club colours and club blazers. In a few years I would have a side that could win any football honour."

Another important aspect of this new competition. It comes at a time when lads, after a year or so with a club are taken on to National Service. This is a most difficult problem. In those 24 months of Na-

tional Service the promising footballer can be subjected to influences which drag him away from the game.

The good old "cookhouse grub" may add a stone or two to his weight; he may be stationed far away from home with no opportunities to play regularly; or he may learn a trade which takes precedence over his football interests.

These days we cannot afford to lose any of our promising young players. Every recruit to the game is needed. If we are to maintain our proud position as the world's Number One footballing nation.

PROOF OF THE PUDDING
It may be felt that these youngsters, not mature as players, will have no great appeal for spectators. I believe this is wrong. I get little real opportunity to see these youth matches, but many of my friends tell me that they produce some of the best football to be seen anywhere. And the proof of this pudding is in the schoolboys' internationals. These games have filled Wembley since the great stadium was utilised three years ago.

To my mind, the new competition is one of the great steps we have taken for many years, and I look forward to seeing one or two of the games when it gets under way.

Charity Rugger

Entries Open For Blarney Stone Shield

The annual Charity seven-a-side Colony rugby tournament will take place on Saturday, March 15, at the Army Ground, Soekunpo, and Saturday, March 22, at the Club Ground, Happy Valley, commencing each day at 2 p.m.

Entries should be submitted on or before 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10, to Mr J. R. Henderson, c/o The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, together with details of the teams selected.

The competition is for the Blarney Stone Shield and the following rules apply:
(a) Army, Navy, Naval Ships and Establishments, RAF Formations and civil firms have first call on their respective rugby players.

(b) Teams may only be submitted by the Army, Navy, RAF and Club after the requirements of (a) above have been satisfied.

Referees who wish to offer their services should submit their names, with dates available, to Mr Henderson at the address given above.

The draw will take place at the H.K. Football Club, Happy Valley, on Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. Those interested are invited to attend.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

JACK DAVIES SHOW TALKING

Noel Coward Omnibus Film In The Making

"Meeting Me Tonight" is the title finally chosen for the Noel Coward omnibus film which went into production at Pinewood this week. Most of the cast (which includes Jack Warner, Jessie Royce Landis, Nigel Patrick, Valerie Hobson, Kay Walsh and Stanley Holloway) are old hands at making movies. But it is likely to prove something of an ordeal for Ted Ray, whose first really big film part this is. He will play a music hall artist in the "Red Peppers" episode.

"I couldn't ask for a better part," says Ted. "Music-hall is an atmosphere I've known all my life and I think this film gives me an ideal opportunity."

"But I'm a bit worried about how I am going to photograph a lantern jaw and coat-hanger ears. However, if the camera boys can do anything about that I'll try to take care of my lines."

Ted can probably get a few additional tips on film acting from Sam Andrew. Meanwhile, he is spending his time rehearsing a soft-shoe dance for the film with Kay Walsh, who, as an ex-Charlot chorus girl, is quite a hooper.

OPEN HOUSE

In Hollywood there is a large house where the front door is

always open. The living rooms are crowded day and night with groups of show-people playing games, discussing music, or rehearsing intricate dance steps. Outside, another group can generally be seen playing a fierce game of volleyball.

Gene Kelly, the owner of this open house, was recently dispatched to Europe to appear in three films.

While he will be much missed by his friends in Hollywood he intends to have a similar happy house in Paris, although his studio hopes he won't play too much volleyball—he once broke a leg playing the game.

At present Mr Kelly is in Munich with Pier-Angeli making a non-musical, "The Devil Makes Three." As soon as that is completed he will start work on "Invitation to a Dance" which is likely to be one of the most unusual films ever made.

It has no plot and no dialogue and will consist of half a dozen different types of ballet starring Kelly and every well-known ballet star available.

After that he'll make his way to Scotland to appear in the film version of "Brigadoon." And by that time I predict his house in Paris will have become the unofficial U.S. Embassy for American show-people.

NOTED AT RANDOM

Molra Lister getting her first "good girl" part with Pat Roc and Anthony Steel in "Something Money Can't Buy." Also in the cast: Michael John Dunn, a rosy-cheeked fellow who can

claim to be Britain's youngest actor. He's six months old... Christy Calder, the red-headed Columbia University student, who was discovered for pictures by another red-head, Sinclair Lewis, and put under contract by David Selznick, is being sought—by the Italians for "Woman of Rome."

She'll possibly do a British film, too... Petula Clark and Jack Warner together again for TV's "The Monster of Kilken." For will be Jack's daughter just as she was when he was Mr. Huggett...

TRAPEZE TORTURE

Betty Hutton, the bounciest girl I ever met, has written to explain how she learnt to fly through the air with the greatest of ease for her part in "The Greatest Show on Earth."

"I took her 'four months of benevolent torture,' she says, 'to learn to swim from trapeze to trapeze.'

"And I am now the mother of as fine a bunch of callouses as ever graced the hands of what the publicity department blithely calls a glamour queen."

The four-month rehearsals were nothing but hard work even though "I am not going to deny I am slightly on the athletic side."

It entailed: "Strange new muscles yelping for mercy, every night hands rubbed with vinegar and salt for toughening, shoulder muscles talking back and, to top it all, a photographic expert announcing that two inches of flab had to come off the hips."

Unkindest cut of all, though, came when her two daughters, Lindsay and Candy, visited the studios to see her perform her flying act during a circus scene. When it was over, Betty rushed to them and asked: "Well, did you like mother? 'Yes,' they said, 'But where are the clowns?'"

British Skater Lost His Chance

'Packed Off Home Like A Naughty Schoolboy'

Arguments over bedtime and an unpaid hotel bill of £20 cost Britain her only chance of winning the world figure-skating championship in the Olympic Games at Oslo.

Seventeen-year-old Michael Carrington, British champion and our only representative in the men's solo figure-skating at the Games, told of the "petty squabbles" that led to his being "packed off home like a naughty schoolboy."

At his Paddington Lodgings he said: "I am upset and bewildered, not only at being robbed of this great chance to win the world title for Britain, but at the shabby treatment I have received."

Carrington said the tour started on a pleasant footing, but friction developed following arguments over training and recreation.

"The National Skating Association's representative, Mr. Thomas Richardson, and his wife told me: 'Have a good time and enjoy yourself as much as you can. All expenses will be covered. Although you are in training you don't have to live like a monk. There is no harm in having a drink of beer now and then so long as you don't overdo it.'"

"The advice on drinking was unnecessary in my case, for I am almost a teetotaler. I had only a couple of beers throughout the four weeks I was abroad.

"Despite their friendly advice, Mr and Mrs Richardson took it upon themselves to chaperon the team. They began to issue instructions on what we should eat and drink, when and how we should practice, and the time we should be in bed."

The first intimation he had of the decision to withdraw him from Britain's team was given at 10 p.m. last Thursday week. "Major Beaumont, one of the judges, said the committee had decided to scratch me and had arranged for me to be sent home by a plane leaving at 6.45 the following morning."

Carrington refused to catch the plane until he was given some explanation. "I was then told that I had broken the training rules," he said. "The officials said there were a number of charges against me."

NO SYMPATHY

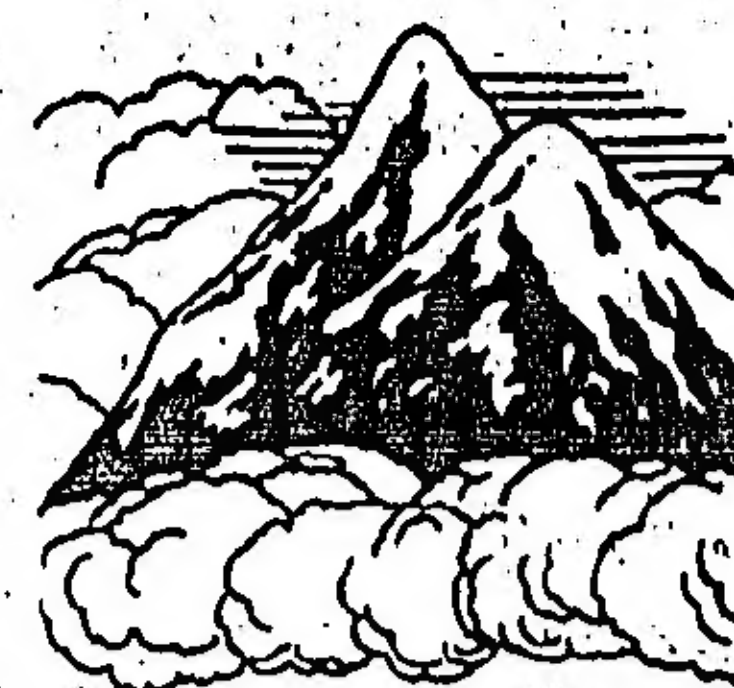
"They did not detail them all, but mentioned an hotel bill for £20 which had been left unpaid when we left St Moritz, Switzerland. I had been told that all expenses were covered."

Michael's mother, grey-haired Mrs V. Carrington, at home in Leigham Hall, Streatham, said sadly: "I am afraid I have no sympathy with my son at all over this business."

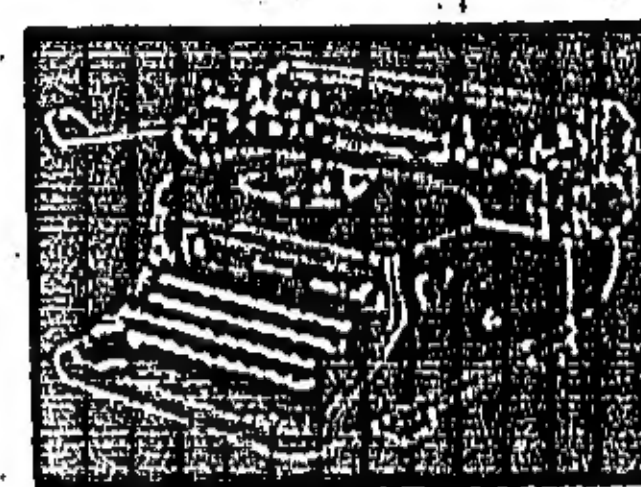
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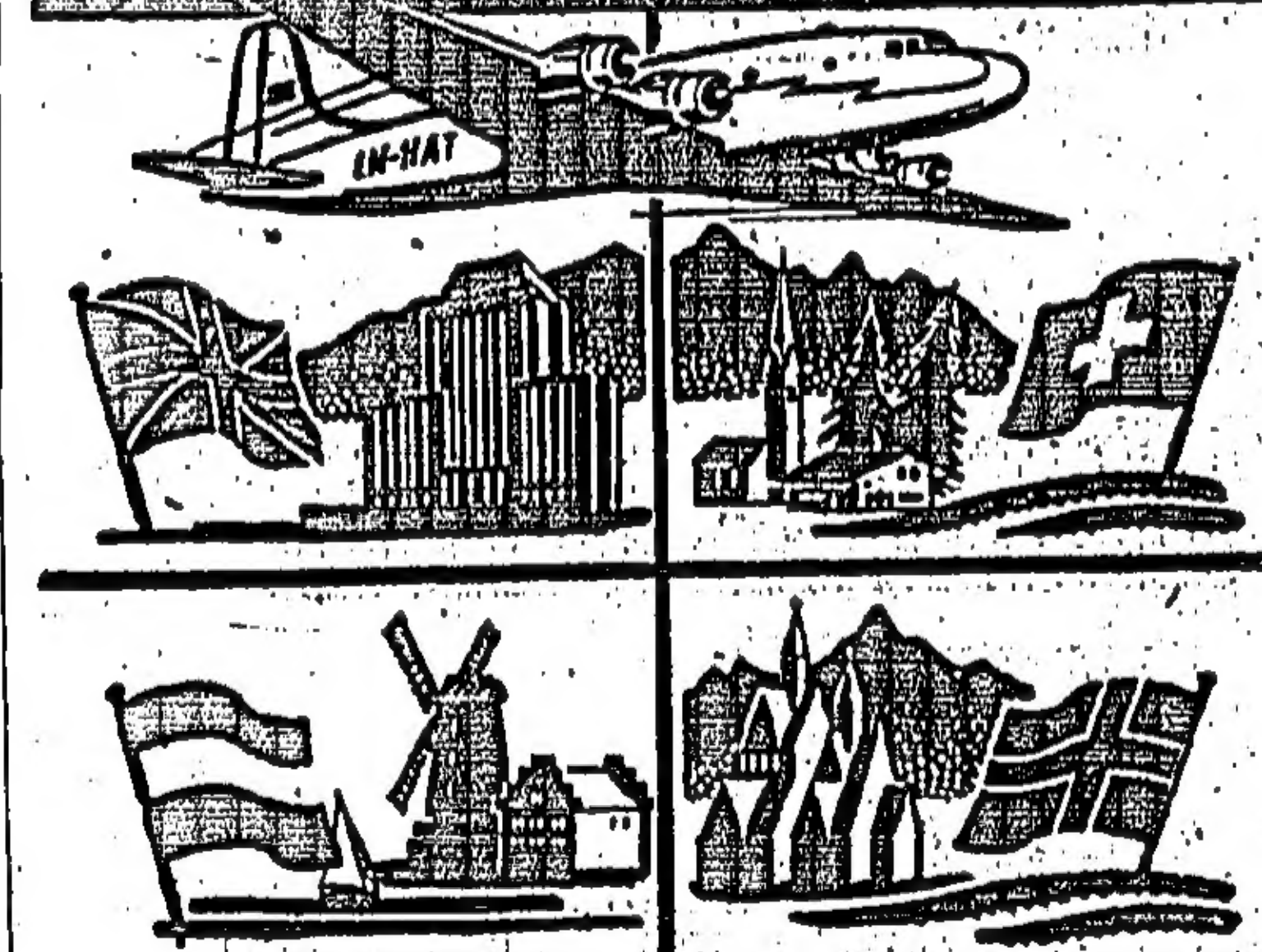
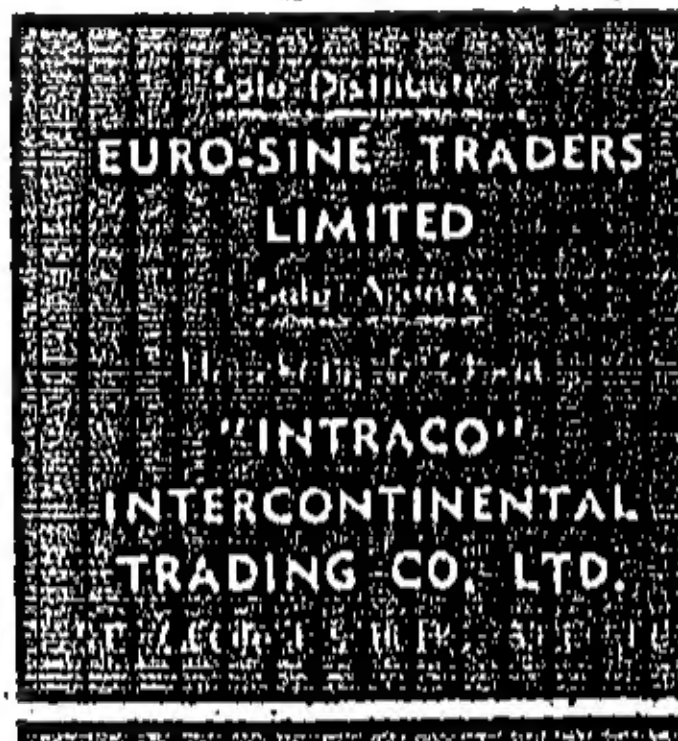


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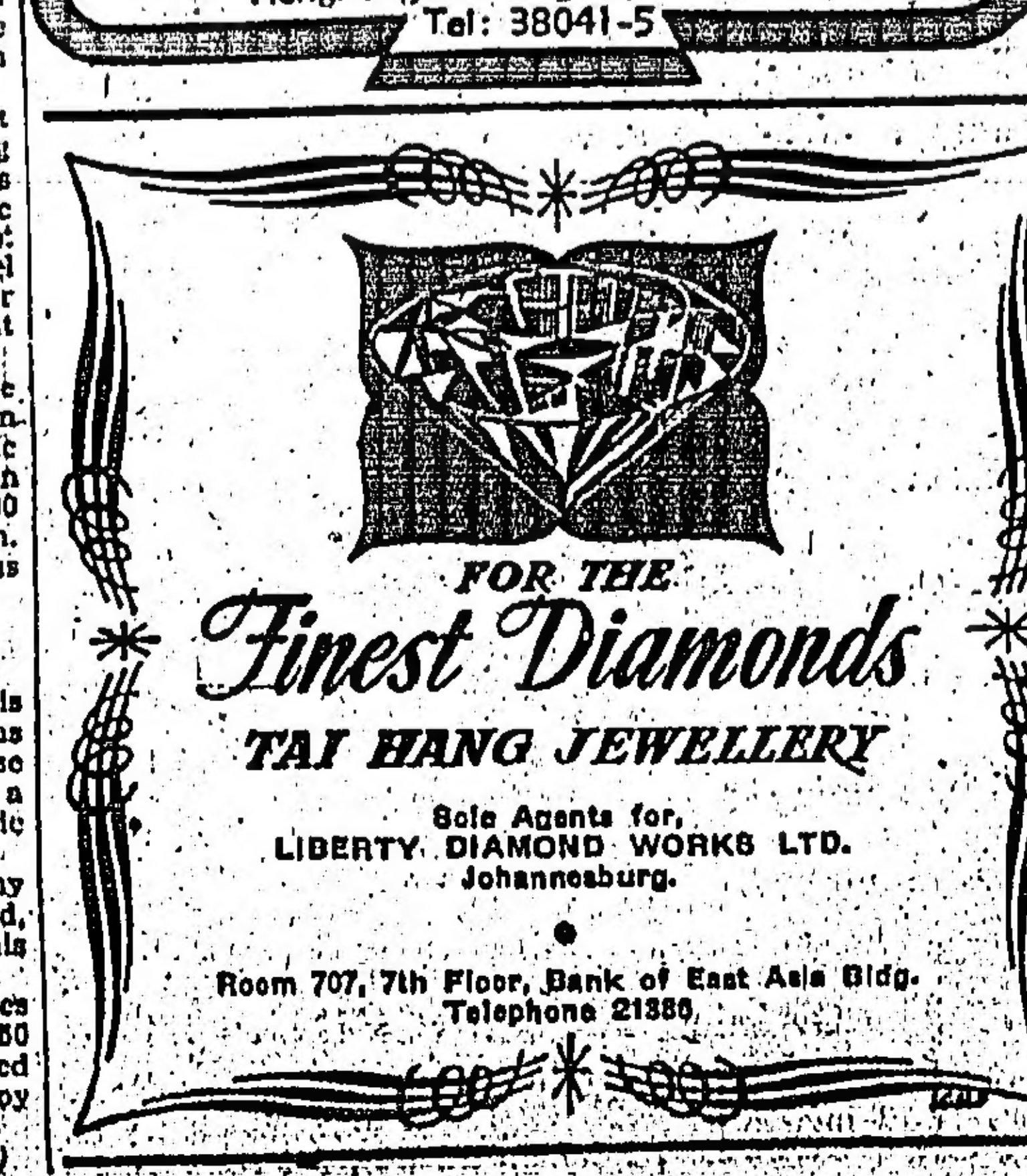
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Married Man Was Contemptible, Says Trial Judge

London, Feb. 26.

"You have stripped this girl of every rag of self-respect," said Mr Justice Stable at Leicester-shire Assizes to a man he was sending to gaol for 12 months.

In the dock was William John Dorman, 42, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, a married man with two daughters. He had pleaded not guilty to taking away Joyce Elizabeth Machin, 17, of Burton-road, Ashby, against her father's will with intent to commit an offence against her.

"I wonder if you realise what an absolutely contemptible figure you cut," the judge went on.

"If you had been man enough to say, 'Yes, I know what I did. I did it under the compulsion of that tremendously powerful force which has swept so many men and women off their feet,' I might have taken a different view."

But not a bit of it. You left this girl absolutely nothing. You gave the impression that you were almost hounded by her. You made it perfectly obvious that the only skin you were concerned about was your own.

"You did something worse than that. That young woman who was in court yesterday, and saw you standing in the witness-box giving your evidence, I believe it shattered the picture she had of you."

Miss Machin, who was sitting at the back of the court between two policemen, collapsed when she heard the sentence, and was taken out in tears.

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WIFE LEFT HIM

Mr Geoffrey Smallwood, prosecuting, said that Dorman worked as a busman for the girl's father, and lived in a flat above the tobacco shop in which Joyce was an assistant.

He was dismissed—not because of any association with the girl—and his wife left him.

Said Mr Smallwood: "There seems to be no doubt that this girl had become completely infatuated by Dorman. He told her he was going to London and she said he must take her with him." Her father had already

Maltese Strike Continues

Valletta, Feb. 26.

Leaders of the strike of civilian employees in the island's defence departments have, it is understood, issued orders to pickets to "extend persuasive powers" to temporary clerks employed by the three Services.

The strike, called in support of a demand for a 14 shillings wage increase after the Admiralty's offer of a 10 shilling a week rise had been rejected, entered its fourth day today.

Reuters.

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NO BLAME ATTACHED TO ENVOY

Washington, Feb. 26.

The State Department has full confidence in U.S. Ambassador Merle Cochran, who negotiated the American aid agreement which led to the fall of the Indonesian Cabinet, a Department official said today.

Under-Secretary James Webb said: "Mr Cochran has acted throughout in accordance with the Department's instructions and enjoys the full confidence of the State Department."

Mr Webb denied reports that consideration was being given the recall of Mr Cochran from Djakarta.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Achmad Subardjo, resigned on Friday after he was criticised for signing a routine agreement governing the shipment of U.S. arms. The entire Indonesian Cabinet resigned the following day.

The agreement form by act of Congress requires that countries receiving American aid pledge support to the free world in the fight against aggression.

State Department officials said that the United States considers the Indonesian aid agreement to be in effect and is completing shipments of arms and ammunition for Indonesian constabulary forces.

They said that the Indonesian Government has broadcast announcements stating it considers the agreement binding despite the resignation of the Cabinet.—Associated Press.

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3-Act Play As Suicide Note

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 26. The Sheriff's deputies said today that 14-year-old Lawrence Murphy, who fatally shot himself, wrote a three-act play as a suicide note.

They said the boy's play told of an unhappy "love affair" between him and a girl, who dropped him to date boys who were "better dancers." The cast included members of his family and a teacher.

The play ended when the character representing the youth stabbed himself, then fell face down into a bowl of water to insure death by drowning.

The deputies said the high school student died on Monday shortly after he shot himself in the head with an old rifle. They said he titled his play "The Departed (I hoped)." — United Press.

Britain Ahead In Atomic Research?

Washington, Feb. 26. The Congressional Atomic Energy Committee believes that Britain might now be far ahead of the United States in technical scientific advances on the atom bomb and atomic weapons generally, according to an authoritative source tonight.

The Congressional Committee "suspected" that Britain had made much more progress than was generally known or admitted.

The Committee, believed, therefore, that Britain would be in a position to strike a hard bargain in any discussions to reach agreement on the exchange of atomic secrets.

Mr Churchill's statement was reported to have strengthened the Committee's belief that Anglo-American atomic co-operation was of pressing importance in view of duplication of research and the resulting waste of time, effort and money in Anglo-American competition.

American scientists who are aware of Britain's major contribution to the wartime atomic energy programme support the Committee's feeling that the United States might now be at the stage where she is gradually surrendering her research superiority, the source said.



Mlle. de Terwagne, fashionable Parisienne, models this striking carmine hat by Rose Valois. Like so many smart women today, Mlle. de Terwagne is most enthusiastic about the latest fashion of rose-tinting the gums. She knows how this makes the teeth look even whiter, by contrast, and the smile so much more alluring.

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Radio Prevents Alleged Robber's Escape By Air

New York, Feb. 26.

A bad man acted as his own lawyer on Tuesday, fighting the prosecution in a \$19,000 holdup only a few hours earlier on a California bank, 3,000 miles away.

The ex-convict, John Richard Bayless, 36, said he studied law while serving time at Alcatraz Prison for an earlier bank robbery and didn't need a lawyer. He represented himself at Tuesday's arraignment. He observed: "There are more good lawyers in gaol than out."

Bayless was seized by Federal officers as he stepped off an airliner at La Guardia Field less than 15 hours after the holdup of a Hollywood, Calif., bank. Waiting Federal Bureau investigation men spoiled his coast-to-coast getaway far above the clouds.

The smooth capture ended a fantastic air-age, police-and-robber drama as the four engined transcontinental airliner rode the night winds east at 300 miles an hour.

Bayless dresses and looks more like a banker than a once convicted bank bandit. But he carried a gun. He tried to pull it when he was seized, after being tracked by radio along his coast-to-coast getaway flight.

"BAIT MONEY" Bayless is wanted for the robbery on Monday of the Hollywood branch of the Bank of America, where many a movie star has an account. "Bait money" from the bank — bills recorded by their serial numbers — helped trap him. This money had been kept on hand to pass over to anyone who might rob the bank.

Special FBI Agent Edward Scheidt said Bayless carried the Bank loot in a cowhide brief case as he stepped from a big, four-engined trans-world airliner at La Guardia.

With the other bills in the brief case, the FBI explained, was the tell-tale "bait money," satisfying the agents that Bayless was the man they wanted.

The tall, bespectacled ex-convict was held in \$100,000 bail for a Federal extradition hearing on March 20, after he refused to return voluntarily to California.

A witness to the robbery caught the license number of the getaway car, which was found abandoned later in Hollywood, a sawed off shotgun inside.

Police checked the license and evidence pointed to Bayless. A check of airlines showed that a man named Bayless boarded a New York bound plane. He had purchased his ticket on

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stand idly by while any part of the world remained under the rule of either Communist or Fascist dictatorship.

As Labour members called on Mr Churchill to answer, Mr Bevan asked if British arms were to be engaged in war against Communists as such.

Did the Prime Minister accept Mr Dulles' statement as a definition of British foreign policy?

Mr Churchill replied, "No, certainly not."

Mr Bevan suggested that what the British people wanted to know was not how to make effective war against the Chinese but what was being done to make peace.

"It is because they do not believe that the Prime Minister is capable of seeing things in that light that they have no confidence in him," Mr Bevan said.

"If he went to the country tomorrow (for an election) he would be handsomely beaten. I have no anti-American feeling. I have more friends in America than I have over here," Mr Bevan said, pointing at the Government benches as members roared with laughter. — Reuter.

Truman Will Decide Soon

Washington, Feb. 26.

President Truman will soon decide, probably not later than in three weeks' time, whether he wants to retire or be a candidate in the forthcoming presidential elections, representative Harold Cooley, Democrat from North Carolina, told the Press here today.

Cooley made this statement following a talk this morning with President Truman.

He added that he thought Truman would be again a candidate. — France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We were peering from the stairway when you stood on your head at the party last night—will you do it again for us, Dad?"

Posse With Bloodhounds Hunt For Negro

Columbus, Miss., Feb. 26.

A heavily armed posse with seven bloodhounds plodded through driving rain today in search of a Negro accused of killing a prominent North Mississippi planter.

Members of the posse are described as being "angered" over the early morning shooting on a cabin porch.

J. Ellison Hardy, 62-year-old planter was the victim. He was trying to investigate a disturbance at his home on the plantation when he was shot.

The authorities put out an urgent call for volunteers to track down the Negro who first fled into the woods seven miles south-west of here some 125 miles south of Memphis, Tennessee.

An estimated 100 citizens answered the call, bringing rifles, pistols and shot-guns. The volunteers broke up into small groups covering a 15-mile area around the Hardy plantation.

Hardy was awakened by loud talking in a Negro cabin home 50 yards from his family home. The authorities said that as Hardy approached the cabin the Negro pushed open the door and fired.

Hardy fell critically wounded with a bullet in his head. He succumbed at a hospital here less than four hours later.

RELATIVES JOIN IN At least 14 members of the posse were Hardy's relatives. A large group of state highway patrolmen arrived to help in the search.

S. Covington, local newspaperman, said he counted seven highway patrol cars. Covington said the people here were "deliriously disturbed" over the shooting.

A thorough search of the woods failed to find the assassin who, the authorities said, was probably "holed up" in one of the many small cabins in the area.

The negro suspect, identified as 32-year-old Robert Cobb, was believed to be still armed, the police said.

Hardy's 29-year-old son, Jack, heard the shooting and raced over to the cabin to see his father.

Radio stations broadcast a call for volunteers to join the search. The authorities and citizens patrolled all highways leading out of the city. Automobiles, buses and even trains were being stopped, Covington said, to make sure that the negro did not escape. — United Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. A form of electron camera used in television. 2. On the Saigon River. 3. Omega. Its figurative meaning is "the end of everything." 4. Odyssey. 5. The ship worn by Japanese women tied in a large bow at the back of the waist. 6. A sort of Spanish "haggis" combining in a stew a number of meats and vegetables.

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LAICHIKOK MURDER TRIAL

Clansman Of Accused Man Gives Evidence

Evidence of the arrest of the accused was given when the Laichikok Murder Trial continued before Mr Justice Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning, the third day of the trial.

This evidence was given by Det. Sub-Insp. C. Y. Siu who said he went to a farm in Ping Shan where he interviewed the accused and later took him back to the Station for inquiries.

On trial is Mak Chan-yuen, 27, farmer and he is alleged to have murdered Ng Lin, alias Ng Mei-fan, 20, stated to be his sweetheart on the hillside at Laichikok on October 8 last year. Her body was found in a decomposed state three days later. The Prosecution alleges that she was stabbed to death with a scissors blade.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting with Mr Patrick Yu, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. B. Scragg. Accused is defended by Mr K. Mok, instructed by Mr K. F. Wong.

Earlier this morning, Mak Chan-yuen, a clansman of the accused testified that some time after the Mid-Autumn Festival last year accused invited him to tea at the same time stating that other folks of the accused, who was then working in a weaving factory, would also attend.

Accused told him that he had known a girl friend and decided to sever relationship with her. It was in fact this girl friend who had invited him (accused) to tea and accused had asked witness and his co-workers to go, because, witness stated, accused was "afraid of something."

Witness went with the chauffeur employed by accused's master to a tea-house where he saw accused and a girl seated some distance from their table. After tea they left, followed later by the accused and his companion.

He did not know whether accused and the girl appeared to be quarrelling, witness told Defence Counsel. The two were in conversation and he was too far away to hear what they were talking about.

COULDN'T FIND Lai Mui, detective corporal, said he called at two addresses and took possession of the personal belongings of the deceased and accused.

He said he looked in vain for a shop bearing the name of Chui Kwan Kee, scissors makers.

In answer to Mr Mok, witness said that his inquiries elicited the information that the manufacturers of these scissors had their factory in Faishan, and they used to be sold in Hongkong. Since the Communists took over Canton, these scissors ceased to be exported, and he could not find any for sale now in the Colony.

Det. Sub-Insp. C. Y. Siu, attached to the CID, Shamshuipo Station, said he went to a farm in Ping Shan on the morning of November 29 last. There he interviewed accused. Witness said he revealed his identity and added that he was making inquiries into the murder of the deceased.

"Accused told me he did not know of this matter and did not even know that she was dead," witness said. He added that he informed accused that the Police in their inquiries and invited him to accompany witness back to the Station. Accused agreed and they arrived back at the Station where he handed accused over to DSI Scragg.

ACCUSED DETAINED Witness said that accused was with DSI Scragg all morning and afternoon and at 6 p.m. Insp. Scragg informed witness that he had decided to detain accused.

The next morning, Insp. Scragg asked him to keep an eye on the accused who was sitting on a chair in front of a typewriter desk in his own room which adjoined Insp. Scragg's witness continued. He kept his eye on accused until 11 p.m. when Insp. Scragg took over. After 11 p.m. Insp. Scragg again brought accused into his own room, repeating the instruction to keep his eye on the accused. Ten minutes later Insp. Scragg took over the accused and asked witness to leave the office.

The trial is continuing.

Repeated The Offence

Cheung Yiu-hon, 23, master of sampan A321V, was fined \$125 by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for conveying prostitutes in the harbour. He was additionally fined \$10 for being underway without navigation lights.

Defendant, who had a previous conviction for conveying prostitutes last year, was intercepted near buoy A3 last night with six women aboard his craft.

Lo Yau, 28, master of sampan A48V, was also fined \$125 for conveying prostitutes. Lo, who had one previous conviction for a similar offence, was taking five women from a steamer to Yau-mai when he was intercepted near Stonecutters' Island last night.

DANE MISSES HIS SHIP

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Folmer Nilsen, 35, Danish boat-skipper of the motorship Trein Maersk, by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for negligently remaining in the Colony after the departure of his ship.

Sub-Inspector Blackhurst stated that defendant went to the Marine Police shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday to report that he had missed his ship which sailed from the Kowloon Wharf earlier in the afternoon.

Inspector Blackhurst said that the agents of the ship were making arrangements for Nilsen to rejoin his ship.

Cane For Stupid Prank

A 14-year-old student, who dialled "999" and reported an armed robbery at Shanghai Street, "just to do a wonderful thing," was ordered to receive eight strokes of the cane by Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning for giving false information to the Police.

The Prosecution said as the result of the message received at 10.30 p.m. yesterday three police radio cars were sent to investigate the alleged robbery.

Enquiries revealed that defendant telephoned from the Fire Relief Rehabilitation Committee at 452 Homantin New Village.

Frank Capra's Brief Visit

Frank Capra, the noted American Producer-Director, arrived in the Colony by PAA this morning from India where he attended the International Film Festival.

Mr Capra remained in Hongkong for a few hours and then proceeded to Tokyo on his way back to Hollywood for the Academy Award Presentation in which he will represent the Motion Picture Association of America.

During his brief stay here he was entertained by Mr Paul Frillman, Director of USIS, and local film exhibitors.

HIS CRAFT MADE ONE TOO MANY

Summoned for flying outside five other craft alongside the E-Sang on February 15, Ho Fei, master of a Hongkong Whampoa Dock Company launch No. 1193, was fined \$15 by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendant said he was repairing a chain at the time and was not aware he was outside five other craft.

Living Language

Why we say L. s. d.

The Lombard bankers and moneylenders who introduced the business of money, as distinct from trade, to Britain, brought with them the Latin *Libra*, a pound, *solidus*, a shilling, and *denarius*, a penny. The initials of the words give us our present L. s. d.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., C.P.A. Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., S.O.A.C. Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hop/Tak Shing.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

By Air

Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Great Britain, Europe, 5 a.m., via S.O.A.C. Indo-China, 5 p.m., Air Vietnam. Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hop/Tak Shing. China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton. Indo-China, 9 a.m., ss Helkon. Philippines, N. Borneo, 9 a.m., ss Cyclops.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

By Air

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L. Slam, India, Pakistan, Middle East, 5 a.m., via S.O.A.C. Indo-China, 5 p.m., C.A.T. Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m., H.K.A./N.W. N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., S.O.A.C. Malaysia, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.L. Siam, 5 p.m., P.O.A.S.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hop/Tak Shing. China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton. North Borneo, 9 a.m., ss Hang Sang. Japan, Noon ss Strait Scandia.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

By Air

Slam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand (via Bangkok), Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m., via S.O.A.C. U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A. Japan, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C. Indo-China, 5 p.m., Air France. West Africa, 5 p.m., Air France.

By Surface

Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hop/Tak Shing. China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton. Fomosa, 9 a.m., ss Wing Sang.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

By Air

Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways. Slam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Half Hour "House at Pooh Corner" by A.A. 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